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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN'S AZIZ AHMED IN LIBYA

1. THE LIBYA-PAKISTAN JOINT COMMISSION MET IN TRIPOLI FEBRUARY 5-9, HEADED ON THE LIBYAN SIDE BY MINISTER OF LABOR AL-OBAYDI AND ON THE PAKISTANI SIDE BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AZIZ AHMED.

2. THE COMMISSION MEETING APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A ROUTINE ONE, ATTENDED BY AZIZ AHMED BECAUSE PROTOCOL REQUIRED HIS PRESENCE. ALL OF THE AGREEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED WILL CALL FOR LIBYAN CAPITAL EXPENDITURE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE JOINT BANK WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IS TO HAVE AN INITIAL WORKING CAPITAL OF 3.4 MILLION DOLLARS. OTHER ANNOUNCED AGREEMENTS COVER THE BUILDING OF LIBYAN-FINANCED SUGAR AND FERTILIZER PLANTS IN PAKISTAN, AND THE FORMATION OF A JOINT SHIPPING COMPANY. UNDER THIS LAST AGREEMENT, THE LIBYANS WILL REPORTEDLY PURCHASE PAKISTANI MERCHANT SHIPS NOW IN DRYDOCK AND OTHER SHIPS FOR THE INFANT LIBYAN MERCHANT FLEET ARE TO BE BUILT IN PAKISTANI YARDS.

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3. IF ANY MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS WERE AGREED DURING
THE VISIT, THEY ARE BEING HELD CLOSELY. WE HEAR THAT
36 PAKISTAN AIR FORCE ADVISORS ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE

LIBYA IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND THAT THEIR REPLACEMENTS
HAVE NOT YET BEEN ASSIGNED.
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